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QUOTE

1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MAY 16 FOLLOWING SEVENTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE FINAL PLENARY SESSION CALLED FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNITED NATIONS, EQUATED ZIONISM WITH RACISM, AND AFFIRMED EQUAL SUPPORT FOR TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS. TEXT OF RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS TRANSMITTED BELOW. OTHER ITEMS IN COMMUNIQUE AND COMMENT WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

2. EXPULSION OF ISRAEL: THE CONFERENCE HAILED THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN AND ARAB PEOPLES IN THE ARAB AND PALESTINIAN LAND OCCUPIED SINCE 1967. IT AFFIRMED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR STRUGGLE AND FOR ENDING THE ZIONIST OCCUPATION, FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE
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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE FULL

NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE DEFENSE OF THE ISLAMIC, ARAB AND SPIRITUAL STATUS OF JERUSALEM. IT CONFIRMED THAT THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE WAS THE CORE OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM AND THAT A JUST AND LASTING PEACE CAN ONLY BE BASED ON THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, PRIMARILY THE RIGHT OF ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN PALESTINE. THE CONFERENCE STRESSED THAT THE ZIONIST ENTITY MUST COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE U.N. CHARTER AND EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN AT THE SERIOUS SITUATION ARISING FROM ISRAEL'S PERSISTENT AND CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE UN PRINCIPLES, RESOLUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH CONSTITUTE AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE CONFERENCE NOTED THAT THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS STEADILY DETERIORATING, BRINGING THE WORLD TO THE BRINK OF AN EXPLOSION WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO AN EXTENSIVE AND BITTER CONFLICT. THE CONFERENCE CALLED ON ALL STATES TO SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND ESPECIALLY TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH ANY FORM OF SUPPORT AND SEVERING ALL TIES WITH IT. IT CONFIRMED ITS RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT JEDDAH FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN AND ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE CONFERENCE FURTHER CALLED FOR THE EXTENSION OF ALL FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN AND ARAB PEOPLES, IN THEIR LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE, UNTIL THE LIBERATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS ACHIEVED AND THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL INDEPENDENT STATE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE UNDERTOOK TO SUPPORT AND UPHOLD THE CAUSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THE ARAB PEOPLE UNTIL VICTORY HAS BEEN ATTAINED.

THE CONFERENCE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A "JERUSALEM FUND" WITH THE DUAL AIM OF COUNTERING THE POLICY OF JUDAIZATION IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND FOR SUSTAINING THE HEROIC RESISTANCE OF THE PALESTINIAN ARAB POPULATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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JERUSALEM AND OTHER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT ALSO DECIDED TO ALLOCATE A PART OF THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THIS STRUGGLE.

3. JERUSALEM: THE CONFERENCE AFFIRMED THE CLOSE LINK WHICH BINDS MOSLEMS TO THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ISLAMIC STATES TO SECURE ITS LIBERATION AND RESTORATION TO ARAB RULE. THE CONFERENCE DECLARED

THAT ALL MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES TO ALTER THE STATUS OF THE ARAB TERRITORIES, AND THE RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE AND MOSLEM RIGHTS TO AL-AQSA MOSQUE IN JERUSALEM AND AL-IBRAHIMI MOSQUE IN HEBRON ARE NULL AND VOID AND ILLEGITIMATE. IT CONSIDERED THESE MEASURES AS AN INFRINGEMENT OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS AND HERITAGE OF THE ISLAMIC NATIONS AND A PROVOCATION TO ISLAMIC FEELINGS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE CONFERENCE DECIDED TO JOINTLY REPEL THIS AGGRESSION AND FORCE ISRAEL TO RESCIND ALL THESE MEASURES.

4. ZIONISM AS RACISM: THE CONFERENCE CONDEMNED ZIONISM AS A COLONIALIST, EXPANSIONIST, RACIST AND IMPERIALIST DOCTRINE, WHICH POSES A DIRECT THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IT CONDEMNED ISRAELI OPPRESSION IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND DECLARED FULL SUPPORT TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE PLO TO RESTORE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE CONFERENCE REITERATED THE COMMITMENT OF THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NAMIBIA, SIMBABWE AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE. IT CONDEMNED THE GROWING MILITARY COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE RACIST REGIMES AND THE OPEN AND SECRET SUPPORT RECEIVED BY THEM THROUGH IMPERIALIST REGIMES. THE CONFERENCE CALLED UPON ALL MEMBER STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FULLY IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND DECIDED TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY SUPPORT FOR THESE PEOPLES AND TO RECOMMEND THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE UN CHARTER TO SECURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. CYPRUS: THE CONFERENCE LISTENED WITH SYMPATHY AND
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GREAT INTEREST TO THE STATEMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. RAUF DENKTAS, LEADER OF THE TURKISH MOSLEM COMMUNITY OF CYPRUS, WHO VOICED THE STRUGGLE OF HIS OPPRESSED PEOPLE FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, JUSTICE AND DIGNITY. THE CONFERENCE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND THE CAUSE OF THE TURKISH MOSLEM COMMUNITY OF CYPRUS RECOGNIZING THE EQUALITY OF RIGHTS OF THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES IN AN INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THEIR RIGHT TO BE HEARD IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WHERE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TURKISH MOSLEM COMMUNITY OF CYPRUS BE INVITED TO ATTEND FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.
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